

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies; and,

Whereas, Thousands of South Dakotans enable the American Red Cross to fulfill its mission every day by volunteering to assist after disasters, giving blood, taking life-saving courses, or providing financial donations to help those in need; and,

Whereas, In 2016, the American Red Cross helped 9,233 South Dakotans prepare and to stay safe through education and applying lifesaving technology such as the Red Cross Preparedness Apps that alert residents to dangerous weather conditions, and the American Red Cross' Hero Care Network provided vital services such as emergency communication to 555 South Dakota military families; and,

Whereas, In 2016, Red Cross volunteers installed 2,094 free smoke alarms in homes across South Dakota and shared vital preparedness education with 1,727 families to help reduce deaths and injuries caused by home fires; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross provided immediate assistance to more than 2,600 South Dakotans affected by disasters of all sizes and complexities from single home fires to tornadoes, floods, and wildfires, and last year, hundreds of South Dakotans volunteered with the American Red Cross to bring immediate assistance and comfort to all South Dakotans and across our nation in the face of disasters; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that, as Governor of the state of South Dakota, I applaud and recognize the selfless dedication of generations of Red Cross staff and volunteers:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State